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To the Honorable President and Members, The Senate of the State of Washington

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am returning, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 5340 entitled:

"AN ACT Relating to military department accounts."

The House of Representatives forwarded an identical companion bill, House Bill No. 1457 to the Governor's Office on April 19, 2005. I will sign that bill today. Senate Bill No. 5340, therefore, must be vetoed.

For these reasons, I have vetoed Senate Bill No. 5340 in its entirety.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine O. Gregoire Governor